

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S973–S1123*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3060–3070, and S. Res. 430–433. **Pages S1017–18**

**Measures Considered:**

**Tax Extenders Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S973–S1013**

Rejected:

Grassley Modified Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3336), to improve the bill.

(By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 34), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S976–78, S995, S998–99**

Bunning Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3336), to offset the cost of the bill.

(By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 37), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S981–84, S1010–11**

Bunning Amendment No. 3361 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide additional offsets.

(By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 38), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S981–84, S1011**

Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S973, S996–97, S1011**

Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. **Pages S973, S980**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the low-income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones. **Pages S973, S1003–04**

Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 3356 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide funding for summer employment for youth. **Pages S973–74, S984–86**

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3336), to require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending. **Page S997**

Baucus (for Webb/Boxer) Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on

excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses. **Page S997**

Stabenow Amendment No. 3382 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments. **Pages S1001–03**

Feingold/Coburn Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks. **Pages S1004–05**

Brown (MA) Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut. **Page S1005**

Burr Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide Federal reimbursement to State and local Governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements. **Pages S1005–06**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 33), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Thune Further Modified Amendment No. 3338 (to Amendment No. 3336), to create additional tax relief for businesses. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S986–92, S995–96, S997–98**

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 35), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to the emergency provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Burr Amendment No. 3390 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in

2010 to compensate for the lack of cost-of-living adjustment for such year, to provide an offset using unobligated stimulus funds. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Burr Amendment No. 3390 (to Amendment No. 3336) as being in violation of the Pay-As-You-Go provision in S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S1006–09**

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 36), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Reid (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 3353 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in 2010 to compensate for the lack of cost-of-living adjustment for such year. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Reid (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 3353 (to Amendment No. 3336), as being in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 of the 110th Congress, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 39), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. Thus, the point of order raised was not sustained.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 4, 2010.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Lillian A. Sparks, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

Paul R. Verkuil, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for the term of five years.

Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2009.

Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2008.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Scott M. Matheson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Kenneth J. Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Michael C. Ormsby, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.

Willie Ransome Stafford III, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

James L. Taylor, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1113**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—39) **Pages S998–99, S1009–12**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1113.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Army, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff, United States Army, both of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### PROTECTIVE FORCES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the protective forces at the Department of Energy, focusing on analyzed information on the management and compensation of protective forces, the implementation of Tactical Response Force (TRF), and the Department of Energy's two options to more uniformly manage Department of Energy protective forces, after receiving testimony from Eugene E. Aloise, Director, Office of Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy; and Mike Stumbo, National Council of Security Police, Amarillo, Texas.

### GUANTANAMO DETENTION FACILITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met to receive a closed briefing on policies, procedures, and practices relating to the transfer of detainees held at the Guantanamo Detention Facility, after receiving testimony from William J. Lynn, Deputy Secretary, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Daniel Fried, Special Envoy for Guantanamo, Office of the Secretary of State; Matthew G. Olsen, Executive Director, Guantanamo Detainee Review Task Force, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Charles W. Alsup, Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Customer Requirements.

### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations, after receiving testimony from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance Management, and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Larry Persily, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, and Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

### TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation investments relative to the national economy and jobs, after receiving testimony from Pete K. Rahn, Missouri Department of Transportation, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; William R. Buechner, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and Raymond J. Poupore, National Construction Alliance II, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tom Foss, Griffith Company, Brea, California, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America.

### UNITED STATES TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

### CHEMICAL SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine

chemical security, focusing on assessing progress and charting a path forward, including S. 2996, to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, and H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Sue Armstrong, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Darius D. Sivin, International Union, UAW, Washington, D.C.; Timothy J. Scott, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; and Stephen Poorman, FUJIFILM Imaging Colorants Ltd., New Castle, Delaware, on behalf of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates.

#### **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine oversight challenges in the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) oversight of Part D sponsors' fraud and abuse programs, including its past efforts and planned oversight activities, after receiving testimony from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Robert Vito, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, and Jonathan Blum, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Acting Director, Center for Drug and

Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Howard B. Apple, SafeGuard Services, LLC, Muncie, Indiana; and Christian Jensen, Quality Health Strategies, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

#### **CRIME REDUCING STRATEGIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine encouraging innovative and cost-effective crime reduction strategies, after receiving testimony from Chief Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont; Chief Rodney Monroe, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina; Chief Dean M. Esserman, Providence Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island; Chief Patrick J. Berarducci, Medina Police Department, Medina, Ohio; and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, Washington, D.C.

#### **VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care and suicide prevention for veterans, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principle Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Janet Kemp, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Caitlin Thompson, Clinical Care Coordinator, Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief, Office of Research and Development, and Theresa Gleason, Associate Deputy Chief Consultant and Chief Psychologist, both of Mental Health Services, and Al Batres, Director for Readjustment Counseling for Veterans Centers, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; M. David Rudd, University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Science, Salt Lake City; Clarence Jordan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel J. Hanson, South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4735–4752; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; H. Con. Res. 246; and H. Res. 1135–1136 were introduced.

**Pages H1102–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1103–05**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Schakowsky to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Abdullah Antepli, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

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**Committee Leave of Absence:** Read a letter from Representative Rangel wherein he requested a leave of absence from his duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Encouraging individuals across the United States to participate in the 2010 Census:* H. Res. 1096, amended, to encourage individuals across the United States to participate in the 2010 Census to ensure an accurate and complete count beginning April 1, 2010, and to express support for designation of March 2010 as Census Awareness Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 409 yeas to 1 no with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 80;

Pages H1035–37, H1046–47

*Expressing concern regarding the suicide plane attack on Internal Revenue Service employees in Austin, Texas:* H. Res. 1127, to express concern regarding the suicide plane attack on Internal Revenue Service employees in Austin, Texas, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 83;

Pages H1043–45, H1064–65

*Supporting the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week:* H. Res. 1082, to support the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week;

Pages H1069–71

*National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act:* H.R. 2554, amended, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers;

Pages H1071–76

*Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots:* H. Con. Res. 239, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots;

Pages H1076–78

*Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust:* H. Con. Res. 236, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust;

Pages H1078–79

*Trademark Technical and Conforming Amendment Act of 2010:* S. 2968, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act; and

Pages H1079–81

*Commending and congratulating the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary:* H. Res. 1117, to commend and con-

gratulate the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Pages H1081–84

**Keeping All Students Safe Act:** The House passed H.R. 4247, to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 82.

Pages H1048–64

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

George Miller (CA) amendment (printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–425) that changes the short title of the bill and makes minor technical edits and

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Flake amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–425) that presumes that grants awarded under this Act will be awarded using competitive, merit-based procedures, and requires that if a non-competitive basis is used, the Secretary of Education must report to Congress the reason why competition was not used. It also requires that no funds appropriated under this Act may be used for a congressional earmark, as defined in clause 9e of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (by a yeas-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 81).

Pages H1062–63

H. Res. 1126, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 78, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H1037–42, H1045–46

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 2nd:

*Congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009:* H. Res. 747, to congratulate the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 79.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints:* H. Res. 1079, amended, to congratulate the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning

Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1045–46, H1046, H1047, H1063, H1063–64, H1064–65. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3509, Agricultural Credit Act of 2009; and H.R. 3954, Florida National Forest Land Adjustment Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget.

### COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm, Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review implementation of changes to the Commodity Exchange Act contained in the 2008 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC.

### DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL REPEAL PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to review the Department of Defense process for assessing the requirements to implement repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; GEN Carter F. Ham, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe; and Jeh C. Johnson, General Counsel, both with the Co-Chairs Don't Ask, Don't Tell Working Group.

### NAVY SHIPBUILDING PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development, and Acquisition; VADM John Terence Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and LTG, George J. Flynn,

USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration.

### MEMBERS' DAY

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Member's Day. Testimony was heard from Representatives Teague, Bordallo, Christensen, Olson, Altmire, Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Clarke, Loeb sack, Klein of Florida, Inglis, Pomeroy, Sherman, Johnson of Georgia, Engel, Davis of Illinois, Lee of California, Kosmas, Posey, Halvorson, Filner, Sutton, Walz, McMahon, Tonko, Quigley, McGovern, Titus, Owens, Markey of Colorado, Giffords, Holt, Perriello, McCarthy of New York, Gene Green of Texas. Woolsey, Mica, Richardson and Peters.

### EDUCATION REFORM AND INNOVATION

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Held a hearing with U.S. Secretary of Education on Building a Stronger Economy: Spurring Reform and Innovation in American Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Approved Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011."

### U.S. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY USAID BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policies and Programs for Global Development: USAID and the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency For International Development, Department of State.

### EAST ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Regional Overview of East Asia and the Pacific. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

### HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled: "The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate." Testimony was heard from Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

**CUBA PRE-REVOLUTION TRADEMARK PROTECTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Domestic and International Trademark Implications of HAVANA CLUB and Section 211 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IMPROVING FISHERIES LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing entitled "Setting the Bar for Accountability: Improving NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Programs and Operations." Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Jones and Tierney; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA; and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

**TRANSNATIONAL DRUG ENTERPRISES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Transnational Drug Enterprises (Part II): U.S. Government Perspectives on the Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security." Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and William F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Department of Defense.

**ENERGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2011, Research and Development Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4714, amended, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2010; H.R. 4715, Clean Estuaries Act of 2010; H.R. 4275, amended, To designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in

Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John C. Godbold United States Judicial Administration Building;" H. Res. 1125, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 1062, amended, Recognizing the Coast Guard Group Astoria's more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest, and for other purposes.

The Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on the Water Resources Development Act of 2007: A Review of Implementation in Its Third Year. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense: Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

**STATE VETERANS HOMES PAYMENT FLEXIBILITY**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4241, To amend chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, to allow for increased flexibility in payments to State veterans homes. Testimony was heard from James F. Burris, M.D., Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and representative of veterans organizations.

**BRIEFING—SRP WRAP-UP**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on SRP Wrap-Up. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D172)

H.R. 4691, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs. Signed on March 2, 2010. (Public Law 111–144)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 4, 2010**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of programs authorized and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, and George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Sanford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the

Northern Border Regional Commission, and Marilyn A. Brown, of Georgia, Barbara Short Haskew, of Tennessee, Neil G. McBride, of Tennessee, and William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 2995, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Middle East peace, focusing on ground truths, challenges ahead, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on reversing the epidemic, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine disaster preparedness in the private sector, 1 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act, and the nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Jane E. Magnus-Stinson and Tanya Walton Pratt, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to consider S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act, 10 a.m., SR–485.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Military Order of the



Purple Heart, Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Child Nutrition, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol, and on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m. 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Contingency Transportation and Logistics Issues, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Nuclear Nonproliferation, DOE, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on DHS Intelligence Programs and the Effectiveness of State and Local Fusion Centers, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Transportation Security Administration: Are We Making Smart Investments for Real Transportation Security? 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on Strengthening Native American Communities: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Trust Resources and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Combating Health Care Fraud and Abuse, 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Defense Department Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on TSCA and Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals: Examining Domestic and International Actions, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to continue hearings entitled "Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband, Part 3," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Haiti Debt Relief," followed by consideration of H.R. 4573, Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery in Haiti Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, to mark up H. Res. 252, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Restoring America's Reputation in the World: Why It Matters, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Enforcement of the Criminal Laws Against Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget request for the Power Marketing Administrations, U.S. Department of Energy, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4098, Secure Federal File Sharing Act; H.R. 572, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2009; H.R. 946, Plain Language Act of 2009; and H.R. 4621, Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act; H. Res. 1036, Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States; H.R. 4214, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office;" H.R. 4547, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 119 Station Road in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, as the "Captain Luther H. Smith U.S. Army Air Forces Post Office;" H.R. 4628, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Westwood Avenue in Westwood, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek Post Office Building;" H.R. 4624, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office;" and H. Res. 1086, Recognizing the importance and significance of the 2010 Census and encouraging each community within the Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census; followed by a hearing entitled "Prostate Cancer: New Questions About Screening and Treatment," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Small Business*, to mark up the Committee's Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2011, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on U.S. Mayors Speak Out: Addressing Disasters in Cities, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3948, Test Prep for Heroes Act; H.R. 3484, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3976, Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 4079, To amend title 38, United States Code, to temporarily remove the requirement for employers to increase wages for veterans enrolled in on-the-job training programs; H.R. 4592, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the

employment of veterans in energy-related positions; H.R. 950, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; H.R. 3579, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of the reporting fees payable to educational institutions that enroll veterans receiving educational assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1879, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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